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Dear Miss Kate,

This moment I received your dear letter. I shall start Monday next on the Pennsylvania limited—9:45 A.M. for ^{Chicago} and from there direct to Pawhuska. I saw the President and he asked me whether I would propose the name of a good man for Indian agent at Pawhuska and I told him “no”, that we all had full confidence in his good judgment and had no recommendations to make; only he should give the Osages and honest prudent agent who is in sympathy with them. I handed to the President my written recommendation in regard of the wishes of the Osage Indians (to get Cath. Schools) and he told me that “justice shall be done.” The Com. of Ind. Affairs will give me a letter to Capt. Potter, the present agent and direct him that I have full power to act and he to assist me.

Mr. Gorman and Mr. Ketcham, chief clerk, will watch every corner for me during my absence and Mr. Lusk has to report to them every day my office news and they will instruct Lusk, what to do. I saw also Senators Dawes & Sabine and delivered my letter about the school land titles to the Senators. As they were engaged in a debate, they had only limited time to talk to me, but gave me an invitation to lunch with them today at one O’Clock in the Senate restaurant, where they will give the subject full consideration. I have no doubt that I will be successful! You say in your kind feelings, for which I am exceedingly thankful, that I should take good care of my health! But remember—a sick man hastens out of his bed when his house is on fire, he does not wait one minute, he jumps up and starts in lightning speed. Our Osage Lords House is on hell fire, the Methodists have the burning torch in hand to destroy the truth and I have to hasten to pour a strong and cold stream of facts to destroy their effect and reverse the case. Please send me the bill and Rev. Jutz’s estimate. I have transmitted to you in care of N^o 42 Lasalle Street Chicago, or if time allows to the Sun Building here. All of your letters which you direct to N^o 41 Chicago, will be promptly delivered to me or locked up in Mrs’s Muhlbauer & Behrle’s safe until my arrival.

On the 18th of March 12 Indian children, 3 girls & 9 boys were baptized in our Harbor Soring Indian School.

About the California land, I will give a full account to Mr. Callahan, when I return from the Indiana Territory as I am unable to do so now on account of overwork. I went to bed this morning at 2 and was up at 6 again. The whole work rests on my shoulders alone. In my opinion it is best you hold the California land a while yet, as the price will advance. I shall write to Mr. James as he is stationed within 30 miles of the land.

Where is the plan & specification for St. Joseph? I am anxiously waiting for it.

By my recommendation a Catholic orphan girl was appointed teacher at the Ind. Government school in Umatilla, but had to pay her travelling expenses there. Shall I charge it to your account? I hope the little bird arrived safe at N° 1503, in his new home. I shall let the Chicago parties figure on St. Joseph's estimate until I return from Pawhuska.

Bishop Marty want me by all mean to visit him in Yankton. He suffers severely.

I mad an application for 20 boarders for the North Yakima school and wrote another letter to bishop Junger to hurry him up about Yakima. Time calls me to stop writing more. God bless You and Your whole house! That is the constant prayer of Yours in the Lord,

J. A. Stephan